

**EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY SECTION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2002**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Fabian, Lynn Gauger, Anne Marie Rathburn, Linda Schwallie

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kimberly Nania, Bureau Director; John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel; Karen Rude-Evans, Program Assistant

**GUESTS:** none

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lynn Gauger called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Amendments: -Discussion of administrative rules

**MOTION:** Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**MOTION:** Anne Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to nominate Linda Schwallie for Chair.

No further nominations were made and the vote was called.

**MOTION:** Anne Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to elect Linda Schwallie as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Anne Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to nominate Peter Fabian for Vice Chair.

No further nominations were made and the vote was called.

**MOTION:** Anne Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to elect Peter Fabian as Vice Chair.

**MOTION:** Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to nominate Anne Marie Rathburn for Secretary.

No further nominations were made and the vote was called.

**MOTION:** Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to elect Anne Marie Rathburn as Secretary.

Linda Schwallie took over as Chair at this time.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2001**

**MOTION:** Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to approve the Minutes of October 24, 2001, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

### **SECRETARY OSCAR HERRERA**

Secretary Herrera spoke about the state budget deficit. DRL's budget cuts were taken from our reserve fund, and a number of vacant positions will be frozen. The reorganization of the Department should be finalized next week. DOE will be reorganized into the three components of screening, health and business. The remainder of the Department will be reorganized into the components of credentialing, management services and board services.

### **REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

These reports were informational.

### **REVIEW OF CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 01-151**

The Section discussed the Clearinghouse Report regarding Clearinghouse Rule 01-151. The Section reviewed the language and decided to leave it as is and return it to the Clearinghouse.

Lynn Gauger will draft an article regarding supervision for the *Regulatory Digest*.

### **DISCUSSION OF SWTC INTERNSHIP RULE**

Legal counsel updated the Section on the status of the SWTC Internship Rule.

### **RULES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Linda Schwallie reported the Rules Committee met in October. The Committee members agreed that each Section has the expertise to make their own rules. Therefore, a recommendation for rules changes should come from each Section, rather than the Rules Committee, to the full Board for approval.

The Committee also reviewed the Clearinghouse comments of the proposed changes to SFC 3.13 (1) (c) relating to background checks, and voted to have these rules apply to all the Sections and not just the Social Worker Section.

## **WAMFT REPORT**

Peter Fabian reported that AB 206 was passed yesterday but has not yet been signed by the Governor. WAMFT has offered to be a resource to the Section in the future when drafting language for rules.

## **APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION REPORT**

Kimberly Nania reported there are currently 36 pending applications, two applicants have been credentialed since the last Section meeting, and there is a total of 507 active MFT credentials as of today.

## **LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO MFT PRACTICE**

The Section and legal counsel reviewed pending legislation relative to MFT practice.

## **CMFT APPLICATION SUPERVISION FORM**

**MOTION:** Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to approve the CMFT application supervision form as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **AMFTRB COMMUNICATION**

Lynn Gauger suggested taking some time at each meeting to discuss and keep up with what is new with teletherapy and distance supervision.

## **AMFTRB EXAMINATION SCHEDULING**

Exams have been scheduled. Any questions or concerns with exams or students should be directed to Kimberly Nania at least two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting in order to be included on the agenda.

## **TELEPRACTICE ISSUES**

Linda Schwallie handed out a packet of information regarding telepractice issues. Telepractice will be further discussed at the June meeting.

## **REVIEW OF INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL**

The Section reviewed correspondence from Jodi Bertsch.

**MOTION:** Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to have Lynn Gauger correspond on behalf of the Section to Jodi Bertsch with a copy of the approved MFT supervision form. Motion carried unanimously.

Legal counsel will reply to Phyllis Pleuss at Lutheran Social Services as directed by the Section.

## **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to recess to closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f) and (g). Wis. Stats., for the purpose of reviewing an application, reviewing case status report and consulting with legal counsel. Roll Call vote: Peter Fabian – yes, Lynn Gauger – yes, Anne Marie Rathburn - yes, Linda Schwallie - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 11:46 a.m.

## **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

## **VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION**

### **CASE STATUS REPORT**

There were no cases to close.

### **APPLICATION REVIEW**

#### **JOHN M PAPANDREA**

**MOTION:** Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to approve the application of John M. Papandrea. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Anne Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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